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The Honorable Kay Hagan  
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The Honorable James Inhofe  
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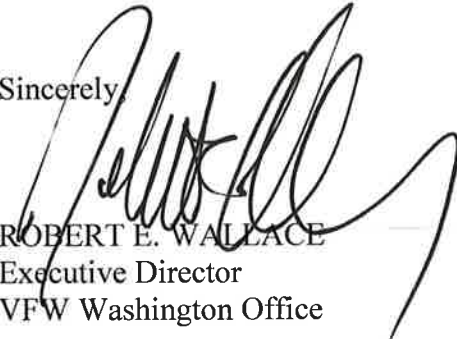
Dear Senators Hagan and Inhofe:

On behalf of the 2 million members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) and our Auxiliaries, we are pleased to offer our strongest support to your amendment to the upcoming Defense Continuing Resolution, requiring each military service secretary to carry out Tuition Assistance programs authorized by law.

The VFW was disappointed when the service branches quickly cut their Tuition Assistance programs once budget sequestration went into effect. Tuition Assistance is a critical military professional development tool that also enhances service member Quality of Life. Cutting the program forces service members to reach into their own pockets, tap into their earned veterans' benefits, or seek out civilian financial aid in order to satisfy personal and professional development that the military demands for higher advancement.

Since tuition assistance was cut, the VFW has heard from countless veterans wondering what to do next. This decision not only threatens morale but will also prove detrimental to readiness, as many service members will be forced to put their professional development plans on hold. We thank you both for your continued advocacy on behalf of our service members and veterans, and proudly support your efforts to implement the military's Tuition Assistance programs.

Sincerely,



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